* Ohio State University Vs. The University of Michigan (NCAAF)
  + The rivalry between the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Michigan Wolverines is possibly the greatest rivalry of all time, and is the best rivalry in college football. As two of the most storied programs in the NCAA, the two teams have a combined 18 national championships, and 76 Big Ten Championships The first meeting between these two teams began in 1897. The battle on the field always proved to be a game for the record books, and the two teams went back and forth between victory and defeat. (*Greer, Kenny and Jody Heywood*).

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|  | Heisman Trophy Winners (*Hershorin, Dave*) | Big Ten Championships | National Championships | Wins vs. the Rival |
| Ohio State | 7 | 34 | 7 | 43-57-6 |
| Michigan | 2 | 42 | 11 | 57-43-6 |

Greatest Players of Both Sides

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| Ohio State | Michigan |
| Troy Smith – QB | Desmond Howard – RB |
| Eddie George - RB | Tom Brady – QB |
| James Laurinatis – LB | Anthony Carter – RB |
| Malcolm Jenkins – CB | Charles Woodson – CB/DB |
| AJ Hawk – LB | Tom Harmon – ATH |
| Orlando Pace – OL | Braylon Edwards - WR |
| Archie Griffin - RB | Ty Law – CB/DB |

* Greatest Moment –
  + The greatest moment between these two teams was in 1969, and Ohio State was ranked number 1st, and Michigan was ranked 12th. With a national championship berth on the line, all Ohio State had to do was win. However, Michigan upset the Buckeyes in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Los Angeles Lakers vs. Boston Celtics

* The Los Angeles Lakers and the Boston Celtics have what all sports enthusiasts know as the greatest NBA rivalry ever. The rivalry began in 1959. In the 1959 NBA Finals, the two teams, met. Although the Celtics won that championship, and the next six, each series was battled to the seventh game of a best of seven series. After these years, both teams had a slump in which neither team won any championships. However, soon thereafter the greatest players of all time, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird, came along. These two players generated large amounts of fan support, and they generated more championships. This rivalry is still active to this day, and was even the matchup of this year’s past NBA Finals. With a combined total of 33 NBA Championships (0ver half of all championships), it is hard to argue that there is a better rivalry in sports. (*Duerr, Charlie*)

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|  | NBA Championships | MVP Winners | Overall Record vs. Foe  (*Lakers Universe*) |
| Lakers | 16 | 11 | 151 -195 |
| Celtics | 17 | 10 | 195- 151 |

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| **Lakers** | **Celtics** |
| Kobe Bryant | Bill Russell |
| Magic Johnson | Larry Bird |
| Elgin Baylor | Bob Cousy |
| Jerry West | Red Auerbach |
| Kareem Abdul-Jabbar | Ray Allen |
| Shaquille O’Neal | Kevin Garnett |
| Wilt Chamberlin | Paul Pierce |
| James Worthy | Jo Jo White |
| Karl Malone | Cedric Maxwell |
| Derek Fisher | Kevin McHale |

* Best Moment –
  + Almost every game between these two storied foes came down to the wire. Whether it was the last seconds of a game, or the last game of a series, neither team failed to disappoint. Although the fans from one side always left the game disgruntled that their team lost, there was no way that they could evade the fact that the other team or superstar had a career-defining game. The greatest moment between these two teams was when Magic Johnson for the Los Angeles Lakers hit a baby skyhook to seal the 107 to 106 defeat over their archenemies. The Lakers then rallied to win the Championship (1987). (Hareas, John)





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